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Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A conferencing system comprising:

at least one client;

a conference server;

network connections between the conference server and the at least one client, wherein the at least one client maintains a version of a shared portion of a display, wherein the conference server updates said version of said shared portion of said display after taking into consideration which is updated at a rate dependent on the network connections speeds and loads and client computing speeds and loads, and wherein the conference server is capable of transmitting said shared portion of said data set to two or more clients in parallel.

Claim 2 has been amended as follows:

2. (Thrice Amended) A conferencing system comprising:

at least one client;

a conference server;

network connections between the conference server and the at least one client, wherein the at least one client maintains a version of a shared portion of a data set, wherein the conference server updates said version of said shared portion of said data set after taking into consideration which is updated at a rate dependent on the network connections speeds and loads and client computing speeds and loads, and wherein the conference server is capable of transmitting said shared portion of said data set to two or more clients in parallel.

Claim 24 has been amended as follows:

24. (Amended) A conferencing system according to claim 23, wherein the data updates are delivered to each client by the conference server after the conference server evaluates at a rate dependent on the network connections speeds and loads and client computing speeds and loads.

Claim 27 has been amended as follows:

27. (Amended) A conferencing system according to claim 23, further comprising:

a plurality of transcoders for transforming the data updates between a first format and a second format.

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Claim 29 has been amended as follows:

29. (Amended) A conferencing system according to claim 27, wherein <u>a first transcoder is associated with the at least one client, a second transcoder is associated with the presenter, and a third transcoder is associated with the conference server; and wherein which one of the first, second and third transcoders is activated depends</u> ~~the transcoder is capable of being located on the at least one client, the conference server and the presenter; and~~

~~wherein the transcoder is actuable depending~~ on the network connections speeds and loads, client computing speeds and loads, conference server computing speeds and loads and presenter computing speeds and loads.

Claim 30 has been amended as follows:

30. (Amended) A conferencing system according to claim 23, further comprising:

a <u>plurality of</u> compression mechanism<u>s</u> for compressing the data updates;

wherein <u>a first compression mechanism is associated with the conference server, and a second compression mechanism is associated with the presenter;</u>~~the compression mechanism is capable of being located on the conference server or the presenter or both;~~ and

wherein <u>which one of the first and second compression mechanisms is activated depends</u> ~~the compression mechanism is actuable depending~~ on the network connections speeds and loads, client computing speeds and loads, conference server computing speeds and loads and presenter computing speeds and loads.

Claim 31 has been amended as follows:

31. (Amended) A conferencing system according to claim 30, further comprising:

a <u>plurality of</u> decompression mechanism<u>s</u> for decompressing compressed data updates<u>;</u>

wherein <u>a first decompression mechanism is associated with the conference server, and a second decompression mechanism is associated with the at least one client; and</u>

wherein which one of the first and second decompression mechanisms is activated depends on the network connection speeds and loads, client computing speeds and loads, and conference server computing speeds and loads, and presenter computing speeds and loads.

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38. (New) A conferencing system according to claim 23, wherein the data updates are forwarded from the presenter to the conference server after the presenter evaluates the presenter computing speeds and loads, the network connection speeds and loads, and conference server computing speeds and loads.

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